

The AME Church is the oldest historically Black church denomination, founded by faith leaders who faced racial discrimination that would prevent African American worshippers from attending the same sermons as their white peers. Beginning with the first Church in Philadelphia, Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the AME churches expanded rapidly following the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of enslaved African Americans who sought a spiritual home. The Mission of the AME Church is to minister the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people.

Founded by John Wesley Brooks in 1857, Bethel AME is the oldest historically Black church in Washtenaw County. Since their humble beginnings in a shared worship space, they have been a welcoming a vibrant member of our diverse faith collaborative in Southeast Michigan. Currently led by Reverend Mashod A. Evans, Sr. Bethel AME is a beacon of the Ann Arbor community. Their work goes far beyond worship with their charitable work done throughout the county by the congregation. They arrange donation drives for agencies that assist our neighbors at all walks of life, run a literacy program for children, and host events that support the health of our entire community. The church and its members are dedicated to uplifting and bettering our community, and for that we are thankful for their nearly two centuries of service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating one hundred and sixty-five years of Bethel AME Church. As the Fourth Episcopal District celebrates their one hundred and thirty sixth Michigan Annual Conference here in Ann Arbor, we welcome leaders and delegates representing over fifty churches from across this great state. I join with Bishop John F. White, Reverend Mashod A. Evans, and the entire congregation of Bethel AME and the Fourth Episcopal District in extending my best wishes and gratitude to all on this special day. We are grateful for Bethel AME's impactful work and wish them continued success in the coming years.

RECOGNIZING MATT McLOGAN
AND HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AT
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. PETER MEIJER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. MEIJER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize West Michigan's own Grand Valley State University Vice President Matthew E. McLogan, who for nearly 35 years has delivered unparalleled leadership and expertise to our region's academic communities.

Originally hired in 1987, he is the longest serving executive officer in university history. Prior to his time at GVSU, Matt was a fixture in broadcast news and served honorably as Michigan's former Public Service Commissioner. He took the exceptional skillset he built in these professions and brought it to GVSU.

When Matt joined Grand Valley and became a Laker, the school's lone campus was home to just 8,000 students. Now, as of 2022, the Laker community has grown nearly threefold, boasting over 23,000 students across five lo-

cations. The university's technological centers, libraries, and resources are now the envy of competing institutions at home in West Michigan and across the Nation.

Having served through the previous four of five university presidents, Matt facilitated and witnessed firsthand Grand Valley State University's historic expansion. For years, he has been essential to the success of Grand Valley's executive leadership, playing a crucial role in government and alumni relations, the school's marketing programs, and as secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Matt maintains responsibility for some of the institution's most memorable accomplishments: the university's presence on Grand Rapids' famous Medical Mile, the school's unprecedented expansion, and game-changing additions requiring public support. Matt is known widely throughout our community as one of West Michigan's best promoters and academic professionals.

Largely due to the leadership and expertise of Vice President McLogan, Grand Valley State University is poised to continue unprecedented growth for many years to come. Matt has brought great fortune to the Lakers, and there is no doubt that the successes of his leadership have made a lasting impact on our community.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take this time to recognize the accomplishments of this distinguished leader. I applaud Matt for his decades of selfless leadership and service to the Grand Valley community and can say with great certainty that his accomplishments will not soon be forgotten.

CELEBRATING THE MILITARY
SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF
LTC JASON MALONE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the outstanding military service and retirement of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Jason Malone. He has demonstrated a devotion to America throughout his long and distinguished military career in the U.S. Army and as a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard.

In 1995, LTC Malone completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training. Additional professional development training included the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Course (2000), Reserve Officer Training Corps (Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 2003), Armor Officer Basic Course (2003–2004), Advanced Military Transition Trainer Course, Combat Lifesavers Course (2008), Logistics Captain's Career Course (2008), Logistics Captain's Career Course (2009), Command General Staff College (2013–2014), Division Transportation Officer (2014), Joint Planners Course, and Airborne Course.

LTC Malone is proud of his military service. He served in the Mississippi Army National Guard (155th Armored Brigade) from January 1998 until May 2003. LTC Malone is a third generation 82nd Airborne Paratrooper. He led troops in combat as a Tank Platoon Leader with 3rd Infantry Division and Company Com-

mander in the 82nd ABN Division. LTC Malone was selected as an Infantry (enlisted active duty), an Armor Officer (Tanks) and a Logistics Officer. He was also selected for Battalion Command (declined due to family reasons). Additionally, LTC Malone was selected as one of twelve Division Transportation Officers in the U.S. Army. LTC Malone served on four combat tours, six months in Europe for Operation Atlantic Resolve (Russian Deterrence Operations) and is most proud to have always served in critical and the most sought-after positions in his field for the Army. Prior to retirement, LTC Malone served at the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) from June 2018 until July 2022.

LTC Malone's combat tours were as follows: Iraq (Samarra) 2005–2006 as a Tank Platoon Leader (3rd Infantry Division), Iraq 2008–2009 (Mosul) as a Military Transition Trainer to the Iraqi Army, Afghanistan (Bagram) 2014–2015 as the Mobility Chief for all U.S. Forces-Afghanistan with the 3rd Infantry Division, and Iraq (Al Asad Airbase or AAAB) May–December 2011 as a Company Commander with the 82nd Airborne Division.

LTC Malone's proud and accomplished military service has earned him prestigious awards. His awards are the Bronze Star Medal (BSM) x three, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM) x two, the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) x three, the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) x two, and the Army Achievement Medal (AAM) x three.

LTC Malone is a graduate of Sallilo High School. In addition to his distinguished military accomplishments, LTC Malone earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice. He is the proud husband of his wife, Cheryl, and father to their three children, Hanna, Breanna, and Isaac. LTC Malone's parents are Steve Malone and Teri Kirkpatrick, both of whom have loved and supported him throughout his career.

COMMEMORATING THE NATIONAL
FEDERAL PELL GRANT DAY

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Pell Grant Program.

All Americans, regardless of their income, should have the right to access quality education, which is invaluable for accessing good jobs, financial stability, and economic mobility. Throughout my career, I have strongly supported the Pell Grant Program, which provides direct financial assistance to low-income students to ensure they have the same access to higher education and opportunities for success as their higher-income peers.

Since its creation, more than 80 million students have received a Pell Grant. Today, nearly 7 million students are going to college with Pell Grants, including over 17,000 students in my district who are receiving \$71 million to pursue their higher education goals.

As a recipient of financial aid who couldn't have attended college without help, I understand the need for the federal government to ensure students have access to higher education. I believe that a college education—